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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees to our Deposit Account Number 08-3040.

## REMARKS

Listed below are previously filed, co-pending, related U.S. patent applications. These applications and the present application are commonly owned: Copies are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/552,033, filed April 19, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,355,648 issued on March 12, 2002 U.S. Patent Application No. 10/022,467, filed October 30, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,521,657 issued on February 18, 2003 U.S. Patent Application No. 10/117,156, filed April 5, 2002, publication No. US-2002-0169198-A1, November 14, 2002 U.S. Patent Application No. 10/253,380, filed September 24, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,583,145 issued on June 24, 2003 U.S. Patent Application No. 10/420,276, filed April 22, 2003 (Related International Application No. WO00/66555, published on November 9, 2000)
- (2) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/552,354, filed April 19, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,436,929 issued on August 20, 2002 U.S. Patent Application No. 10/140,034, filed May 6, 2002, Publication No. US-2003-0092711-A1, May 15, 2003 (Related International Application No. WO00/66570, published November 9, 2000)
- (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/601,442, filed June 23, 2003
- (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/601,438, filed June 23, 2003
- (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/601,481, filed June 23, 2003

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the enclosed documents identified in this paper and in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A/B during the course of examination of this application.

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